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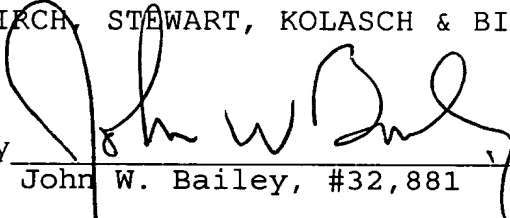
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	A8 3 3 1 9 9 6	1996-12-17	JP				
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